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## NEW STATES IN

### THE DRY COLUMN

Colorado.  
Idaho.  
South Carolina.  
Iowa.  
Arkansas.  
Washington.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 30.**—Arkansas will have its first experience with prohibition when the state-wide law passed by the last Legislature goes into effect at midnight tomorrow.

State Senator T. C. White of Pine Bluff, superintendent of the Arkansas department of the Anti-Saloon League, has announced that the league will have workers in the field to see that the law is enforced strictly. He says the league will proceed under the anti-liquor act passed by the last Legislature. This act provides that the owner of a building used for the illegal sale of liquor may be heavily fined and the building ordered closed for a year.

Senator White also announced that the league will prosecute officers of social organizations that attempt to dispense intoxicants to members. He said this would be done under an old act which requires such clubs and organizations to obtain liquor licenses before dispensing intoxicants to members. Under the state-wide prohibition act the issuing of such licenses is forbidden.

Little Rock wholesale and retail liquor dealers say that sales during the last two weeks have been the heaviest they have ever known. Three of the five local wholesale liquor firms will go out of business. The others will remove to other cities. Ten local saloons have announced they will convert their saloons into restaurants. This includes the barrooms of the two leading hotels. Statements by leaders of the liquor men indicate that no fight will be made for the repeal of the state-wide prohibition act, at least until state-wide prohibition has been given a thorough test.

## EMPTY WHISKY INTO

### CHARLESTON SEWERS

**Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 31.**—Twenty-five thousand pints of whisky, brandy and rum confiscated by the state prohibition department, were emptied in a sewer here yesterday. The department has received a report from a deputy on the Kentucky border telling of the arrest of ten alleged bootleggers, each of whom wore from four to six pairs of trousers and two coats, with many small bottles of whisky in the pockets.

## IOWA ALSO GOES INTO

### THE DRY COLUMN

**Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 31.**—Nearly five hundred saloons in this state will bolt their doors tonight, never to reopen. The state prohibition law is effective tomorrow. It was passed by the legislature last February. Attorney General Cosson says he will lead the fight personally to enforce the new law. The city council of Manning, Ia., recently granted a liquor license to operate for three years, but the state authorities will see that the courts pass on the validity of that action. Theoretically, Iowa has been dry for the past thirty years, but practically it is known to be very damp in spots. There have been seventeen breweries operating in the state, but many of these have already shifted to some other lines of production, some becoming creameries.

## PROHIBITION IN IDAHO.

**Boise, Idaho, Dec. 31.**—The most rigid prohibition measure ever passed by a legislature in the Idaho law which goes into effect tomorrow. The law absolutely prohibits the possession of liquor by any corporation, firm or individual, except when it is procured for medicinal or scientific purposes. Then it must be obtained only on a sworn certificate. Since territorial days, the saloons have played an important part in Idaho politics. The party leaders are glad to be rid of the issue. At the coming general election, the voters will pass upon the question of prohibiting forever the manufacture of liquor in this state.

## SOUTH CAROLINA'S

### BAN ON LIQUOR

**Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.**—The prohibition measure adopted by the voters of South Carolina last September, goes into effect at midnight tonight. The vote was two to one in favor of the ban on liquor. Fifteen counties have had saloons, and these will close up tight tonight.

## PROHIBITION IN THE

### STATE OF WASHINGTON

**Olympia, Wash., Dec. 31.**—The prohibition law enacted by popular vote at the elections in 1914, which has been bitterly fought in the courts by the liquor interests, becomes effective tomorrow. It was only a few weeks ago that the law triumphed

over its opponents, when the state supreme court ruled that the measure expressed the desire of the people of the state. The prohibition law was an initiative measure. All the saloons and breweries will quit tonight. Individuals may import for their own use not to exceed two quarts of liquor in 20 days. Liquor packages must be so marked, and the fullest publicity is to be given to the liquor traffic after tomorrow.

## ALMOST PERSUADED IN

### STATE OF GEORGIA

**Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.**—Georgia is all ready to join the dry column, but a lease of life has been granted to the liquor men until May 1, 1916, in the measure adopted by the legislature. The manufacture or sale of any beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent of alcohol will be prohibited. Advertising liquors in any manner will also be banned.

## NEW ORCHESTRA AT

### THE ODEON THEATRE

The musicians for the Odeon Theatre have arrived and will furnish first class music at both the afternoon and evening performances. Those who visit the Odeon will get value received for their money. First-class pictures and perfect order will be found at The Odeon at all times.

## TRY TO DYNAMITE

### STATE CAPITOL

**Boston, Jan. 1.**—An unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the State House was made today. A bomb containing four pounds of explosive was attached to a basement door, and a fuse had been lighted, but the flame apparently had died before reaching the dynamite. It showed a high explosive force.

## DOG PILLS TRIGGER

### ITS MASTER KILLED

**Petersburg, Va., Dec. 31.**—The accidental death of William P. Laffoon, a respected citizen of Ettrick, last afternoon, has sent a gloom over the entire community. Mr. Laffoon, in company with Messrs. William N. Laffoon and A. A. Blankenship of Ettrick, and George Blankenship, of Norfolk, were hunting in Chesterfield county, when their dogs ran a rabbit under a mill dam. Mr. Laffoon laid his gun down and was trying to get the rabbit from beneath the dam, when one of the dogs accidentally tripped the hammer and emptied the entire load of small shot into the back of Mr. Laffoon's head, killing him instantly. Misfortune seems to follow the sorely grieved family.

Several years ago one of Mr. Laffoon's sons accidentally shot and killed a brother. About a year ago one of his daughters was dangerously scalded, but survived her wounds. He is survived by a widow and nine children.

## OUTSTED MEMPHIANS

### CAN'T RESUME OFFICE

**Memphis, E. H. Crump,** former mayor of Memphis, and two other former city officials, who were suspended from office November 3d on their "gal admission" of charges made in ouster proceedings, are ordered by the state supreme court not to attempt to reassume office, pending final determination of their appeal to the supreme court.

The order, which was issued at Nashville, was intended to forestall any possible attempt on the part of Mr. Crump or the other former officials, R. A. Utley, vice-mayor, and W. M. Stanton, city judge, to enter upon second terms Saturday.

All were re-elected some months ago for terms of four years, to begin January 1.

The supreme court order was read in chancery court here. It directs that the temporary municipal government be maintained until the appeal is decided. A decision is expected January 20.

**CHILD IS POISONED BY CANDY COLORED BY RAG**

**Abingdon, Va.**—Hugh Morgan, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morgan, is critically ill from poisoning, caused, it is supposed, from eating candy which had been received in a Christmas bag made of red mosquito netting. In some manner a tumbler of water was overturned on the bag, a quantity of the dye faded to the candy which later during the absence of parents from the room, the child ate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Starritt and son have returned after a short visit with relatives at East Radford, Va.

## BUSINESS MEN OPTIMISTIC

### BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS IN STRIKING CONTRAST TO THAT OF 1915.

### SOUTH HAS ENTERED PERIOD OF LASTING PROSPERITY.

**Washington, Jan. 4.**—That the outlook for better business for the first four months of 1916 is in striking contrast to that prevailing this time last year is the opinion expressed in a report published today by the Committee on Statistics and Standards of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. There are localities where much caution and conservatism yet remain, and the influence of high prices for the future further accentuates this caution because dealers feel that high prices will curtail buying by the consumer.

"Broadly speaking," the report states, "it may be said that the spirit of optimism and hopefulness prevails to a degree that has not been apparent for nearly a decade and the general belief and expectation is for such prosperity during 1916 as will recompense the people of this country for all their past misfortunes."

### Influence of War Favorable.

Referring specifically to conditions caused by the European war, the report of this committee, of which A. W. Douglas, of St. Louis, is chairman, says:

"The adverse effect of the conflict in Europe still prevails in some sections, though to a very much less extent than in the first year of the war. There are still scattered fears of a bullet which will be more grain and foodstuffs raised in proportion to cotton in the future. The oil and gas industries have experienced a revival because of much higher prices. This year's crop of wheat is estimated to be about 12 1/2 per cent less than last year at this time and the condition is not quite so good. The decrease in wheat largely is in the winter wheat growing States of the Central West and West, and is partly due to the ravages of the Hessian fly during the last season. On the other hand, the acreage in the Southern States has been increased because of their fortunate experience in this year's crop during this year."

There is more live stock in the country at this time than for the same time last year, despite the unfavorable conditions reported in certain sections of the country. Much the same is true of poultry products. During all former years the improvement of conditions prevailing a year ago.

### Tobacco Yield About Same.

The tobacco crop yields about the same as last year. Sugar beets have not only a larger yield than last year but command higher figures. The production of fruit throughout the country shows a general revival of business throughout the country, especially outside of the large cities is looked for during the first six months of the coming year. Of all the so-called barometers of business, according to the authority quoted above, there are none so truly indicative of general prosperity as building. It is usually the last industry to feel the impulse of better times, but its activities embrace so many lines of business that this effect is general throughout the country.

### EARL CAMPBELL TAKEN TO JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

Earl C. Campbell, one of the most prominent and successful young business men of Johnson City, was taken to Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment on Monday. He was accompanied by Jesse Curtis and Geo. E. Clark. Mr. Campbell had been sick for about ten days and his condition had become so serious that it became necessary to resort to expert treatment. Mr. Campbell had established one of the best pressing parlor establishments in East Tennessee because of his courteous and obliging manner. In his absence Mrs. Campbell will continue the business without interruption in the same efficient way.

### Record Crop Yields.

Crop yields in general, other than cotton, exceed those of any year known in our history. This is especially true of the small grains as a whole, and particularly of all the forage crops which are in abundance beyond precedence. This latter fact is one that is most significant and of very large moment to the country as a whole. It is of the utmost value and important to the farmer to have cheap and abundant feed for his live stock through the coming winter, and this state of affairs at present exists as one of the stable foundations for that commercial prosperity which seems definitely to have arrived.

The quality of the corn crop is, as a rule, below the average in the most northern territories, and generally very good throughout the South, where it was raised this year to an extent never known before. In a general way more particularly during the last few months the shipments of grain to market have been very heavy and it seems likely that this will continue while the prices remain at their present high level.

It seems now well settled that the cotton crop will be one of the smallest for several years, but it is being sold at very remunerative prices, for it was one of the cheapest cotton crops ever raised because of economies of every kind and a description of the history of the cotton crop of the farmers and planters. It is practically all picked, and a very large portion of it is sold and the results of it are seen in the improved conditions in the cotton belt between now and twelve months ago.

Because of the unusual diversifications in the South during 1915, there resulted the largest grain and forage crops of all descriptions known in the history of that section. There are also more hogs, cattle and dairy cows in the South than ever before. The Southern States as a whole are more self-contained than at any time in their history and are apparently on a sure and solid foundation in all agricultural and industrial ways. The optimistic spirit of the people as regards the future is shown in the great revival of business throughout that section, and the general opinion that the South has entered on a period of lasting prosperity. As far as is possible for the future, it seems more than probable that the system of diversification will be permanent and that there will be more grain and foodstuffs raised in proportion to cotton in the future. The oil and gas industries have experienced a revival because of much higher prices. This year's crop of wheat is estimated to be about 12 1/2 per cent less than last year at this time and the condition is not quite so good. The decrease in wheat largely is in the winter wheat growing States of the Central West and West, and is partly due to the ravages of the Hessian fly during the last season. On the other hand, the acreage in the Southern States has been increased because of their fortunate experience in this year's crop during this year."

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While money is plentiful and rates generally are not high, there is a wide difference in the ease or lack of ease with which it can be obtained, and this difference seems to be largely due to local conditions. As a whole, however, it is not difficult to get money from the banks on good collateral for legitimate purposes. Collections vary from poor to good and as a rule average fair.

Merchandise stocks in the hands of the retailers vary from light to normal. Orders for future shipments in the spring are being more generally placed than for some years past, thus showing the confidence of the dealers in the immediate future.

## GROVER OF NORFOLK

### COMMITTS SUICIDE

**Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.**—Despondent because of ill health, Alvin C. Stallings, an aged man, keeper of a grocery at 1429 Maple avenue, Prentiss Place, Portsmouth, committed suicide this morning shortly after 10 o'clock by blowing out his brains with a double-barreled shotgun.

The tragedy was enacted by Mr. Stallings in the same room where his pretty 17-year-old daughter shot herself to death about five years ago because of ill health.

Mr. Stallings was about 70 years of age. He was well known in Prentiss Place, where he had successfully conducted his business. He is survived by a wife and several children.

## TRAGEDIES FROM

### PLAY WITH GUNS

**Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 1.**—Roy, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCarter, living on the Martin Mill pike, a short distance from Knoxville, was instantly killed by accidental shooting at the home early Friday morning.

The boy, with a brother six years his senior, was playing with a shotgun. Not knowing that it was loaded, the older brother pointed it at the younger and pulled the trigger. The contents struck the lad in the back of the head, killing him instantly.

Clay Dyer, 10 years of age, son of O. O. Dyer of Powder Springs, Granger county, died at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Knoxville General hospital, as the result of a bullet wound in the abdomen. According to the report received in this city, the boy was playing with a revolver which he had found, and a cartridge was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating the abdomen.

## SNEEZING SPREADS GRIP;

### EPIDEMIC IS GENERAL

Newspaper accounts from different cities reveal the fact that the grip epidemic is not confined solely to Chattanooga, but has spread all over the country. Its prevalence is over by physicians to be due to sneezing. There is no way of telling just how prevalent it is, because at the department of health no report is kept of this disease. It is of an insidious nature, however, and physicians have issued warnings that pneumonia often develops from it, and in such cases is nearly always fatal. Sneezing in closed cars and public places is said to be the direct means of contracting grip.

## EAST TENNESSEE NORMAL

### SCHOOL IS GROWING

The winter term of the State Normal School will begin Tuesday, January 4. The enrollment of the school is the largest in the history of the school, and the indications are that the enrollment will be maintained for the winter and spring terms.

Every room in the women's dormitory has been taken. In addition a large number of young women have been assigned lodging in private homes. Nearly all the students board in the school dining hall which will accommodate more than 300.

To provide for the very large number present during the spring and summer terms, the State Board of Education has authorized the building of a summer dining room. Plans are now being worked out for this building by the manual training department.

There will be no changes in the faculty except that Prof. W. T. Fox, who did graduate work during the summer at the University of Chicago, will return to the normal school and will again take up his work.

## COW KICKED HIM ON NOSE;

### SHE IS OFFERED FOR SALE

**Atlanta.**—The champion kicking cow of Georgia is owned by C. C. Hays, of Greenville, and the animal is now on sale, with all the animal's records, at the University of Georgia, where it will be sold to the highest bidder.

The cow's name is Dolly and she holds all the records, both for high kicking and hard kicking. Mr. Hays stands six feet four inches in his shoes, and the cow smashed his nose with one swift punch of her left hind foot.

The cow is now for sale, with a guarantee that she will win all kicking contests.

We are glad to announce the rapid improvement in James A. Parsons' condition, who has been suffering the past ten days from a fall he received and straining some of the ligaments in his back and side. It is thought that he will be able to be at his place of business within the next few days.

J. M. Gaunt, one of our progressive citizens, has returned from a ten days' stay at his old home in Carrollton, Ky., where he was looking after his property and his valuable farm just across the line in Indiana.

## UNLIKELY THAT SULLINS

### WILL BE REBUILT

**Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 1.**—Judge J. L. Kelly, of the board of trustees of Sullins college, and H. G. Peters, also a member of the board, stated yesterday that it is extremely unlikely that an immediate effort will be made to rebuild Sullins college, the big Southern Methodist girls' college in Bristol, which was destroyed by fire Friday, resulting in a loss variously estimated at from \$125,000 to \$150,000. The property was insured for only \$30,000, which is little more than sufficient to pay off the mortgaged debt and floating obligations of the institution.

The college was founded in 1870 by Rev. David Sullins, now of Centenary college, Cleveland, Tenn., and for many years been one of the leading girls' schools of the Southern Methodist church, drawing its patronage largely from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. The school reached the zenith of its success under Dr. W. E. Martin, now president of Ward-Belmont, at Nashville, but continued on a profitable basis under Dr. W. S. Neighbors, who resigned last year to become president of Centenary college at Cleveland, Tenn.

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The origin of the fire is still a mystery. It started probably at the furnace.

Owing to the holidays the large majority of the girls were at their homes, but there were about 40 people in the building when the fire started, including Mrs. J. C. Orr, wife of the president, who was critically ill. But for the timely discovery of the fire by Miss Rebecca Louder, a teacher, some of the sleeping occupants might have lost their lives. Miss Louder, who was returning from a holiday social affair, saw the flames and rushed into the college and sounded the fire gong. However, the fire had gained such headway that the occupants of the buildings had to escape in their night clothes. One of the teachers found her escape cut off by gas and smoke, and was rescued by the firemen and carried down a ladder. The spectators at once set to work carrying out furniture, and many pianos were saved, but owing to the great danger the police stopped any one except firemen from entering the buildings. Early in the progress of the fire it was believed that the north wing might be saved. The firemen gave up their efforts to save any other part of the building, and concentrated their fight to keep the flames from the north wing. A steady wind made their efforts futile, and soon the flames burst into the big wing, and it was destroyed with the remainder of the property.

The only hope for the rebuilding of the property is that some one may make a donation of \$75,000 to \$100,000 to start the fund. This is thought impossible. The Methodist of the Holston conference have been heavily taxed for college purposes. The conference gave \$150,000 for a new building at Emory and Henry university, and also erected the new structure at Martha Washington, at Abingdon. It has another college—Centenary, at Cleveland—under its care.

The destruction of the well-known school marks the passing of one of the best-known Methodist girls' schools in the south. It has scores of graduates in almost every southern state.

## SURELY A "MAN."

A gentleman who was in France during the early stages of the war tells an amusing story of one of the fashionable ladies who were amongst the nurses in the hospital there. She saw a wounded man being carried into camp.

"Is that an officer or only a man?" she asked, pointing to the figure on the stretcher.

One of the bearers answered: "Well, mum, he certainly ain't an officer, but 'e's been 'it twice in the head and we've dropped him three times, and 'e ain't squeaked yet, and 'e ain't a man, I don't know what 'e is."

**LONDON, Jan. 1.**—The British liner Persia, carrying more than 200 passengers and a crew of between 250 and 300 men, was sunk by an unidentified submarine at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon off the Island of Crete.

Reports to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation company said that nearly all on board were lost. Robert McNeely, of Monroe, N. C., American consul at Aden, Arabia, and Robert Grant, of Boston, were on the liner.

Four boats are known to have got away from the sinking vessel, each capable of carrying sixty persons, but it is not known if the boats were full. The rescued were picked up by a steamer bound for Alexandria, where they were expected to arrive today.

Peninsular and Oriental line officials said they had received no details concerning the disaster, and did not know whether the Persia received warning. They also were unable to give any information concerning the Americans on the ship.

## MRS. SUSAN ARNEY.

Mrs. Susan Arney, age 65 years, died at her home at 220 West Main street Tuesday morning after an illness of many months. She was the wife of Capt. E. J. Arney, who survives her. Mrs. Arney was a devoted Christian and member of Munsey Memorial church. The funeral was beautiful and impressive and was conducted Wednesday at the home by Dr. J. M. Crowe, assisted by Dr. J. A. Rubie. The remains were interred in Oak Hill cemetery.

## MRS. J. S. PHIPPS

Mrs. J. S. Phipps, age 45 years, died at her home, East Carnegie on Monday afternoon following a lingering illness. The deceased leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her going away. She was a member of the First M. E. church and in the funeral services her pastor, Rev. John M. Emert, spoke in tender terms of her excellent Christian character. The funeral was conducted Wednesday and interment was in Monte Vista cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Souble, of Rochester, N. Y., were registered at the Colonial the first of the week. Mr. Souble is an extensive lumber dealer of the East.

J. A. Hopson and family, of Union, passed through here on Monday of this week on their way to Pontiac, Ill., where they will make their home.

## A GOLD BUTTON WILL BE AWARDED

A gold button will be awarded to every employee in the local office of the Cumberland Telephone System who has been in the service continuously for five or more years. The buttons will be of gold and blue enamel and are presented as a token of appreciation by the company for the loyalty and devotion to duty of those who have continued in its service.

Each button will have engraved upon it a numeral showing the term of service in periods of five years. Those who have served five years and less than ten will receive a five-year badge, and those who have served ten years and less than fifteen will receive a ten-year button, and so on.

There are three employees in this exchange who will receive service record buttons, and among those who have had the longest term of service here are the following:

J. H. Pitts, manager, twenty years.  
S. M. Scarbrough, plant foreman, five years.

Ira Blevins, troublemaker, five years. This plan of giving evidence in such a manner to the company's appreciation of its employees' loyalty was inaugurated by First Vice President J. Epps Brown, and he has written a personal letter to each of those who are to receive the badges of honor, congratulating them upon having attained this term of service.

The awards for long service are in line with the employees' benefit fund plan, safety-first plan and the awards for suggestions, which are an important feature of the Bell System's relations with its employees.

An interesting feature in connection with the service buttons is the fact that the longest term of service is held by President W. T. Gentry, whose record is forty years.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 Bell employees in the South will receive badges of honor during January, and a surprisingly large number of the more women.

## THE VARIOUS BIBLE

### CLASSES ELECT OFFICERS

The Men's Bible classes of the several Johnson City churches elected officers last Sunday for the year 1916. The elections resulted as follows:

Baracka Class of Central Baptist Church—S. B. Douglas, president; Clarence Miller, secretary; John Pardue, treasurer; A. R. Johnson, teacher.

Men's Bible Class of First M. E. Church—S. E. Miller, president; J. C. Campbell, teacher.

Young Men's Bible Class—Alex. Patterson, president; C. H. Anderson, secretary; H. C. Black, teacher; Christian Church—Sidney Gervin, teacher.

Watauga Avenue Presbyterian—J. M. Horton, president; Harvey McRath, vice president; E. C. Wallin, secretary; J. L. Sigman, treasurer; H. M. Burleson, teacher.

S. C. Williams' Bible Class, Munsey Memorial Church—E. M. Slack, president; J. A. Baker, vice president; S. G. Gilbreath, teacher; S. C. Williams, associate teacher; E. C. Reeves, assistant teacher; L. P. Driver, secretary; J. W. Houston, treasurer.

Brotherhood Bible Class, First Presbyterian Church—W. J. Barton, president; J. E. Drading, vice president; W. L. Lewis, secretary; Chas. Lyle, assistant secretary; John Mathews, treasurer; Prof. J. W. Sowder, teacher.

U. B. Church—George R. Brown, teacher; Lade Porter, president and secretary; Harrison Carter, treasurer.

St. John's Episcopal Church—Rev. W. A. Jourard, leader; Maj. G. T. Lee, president; Mr. John A. Muse, vice president.

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